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SUBJECT: PRESS REMARKS BY SECRETARY AND SECRETARY-
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FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF REMARKS MADE TO THE PRESS
BY THE SECRETARY, SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE, AND PRCLO
CHIEF OF MISSION HUANG CHEN JUST PRIOR TO LUNCHEON MEETING
IN DEPARTMENT JANUARY 8:

BEGIN TEXT:

SECRETARY KISSINGER: AS YOU KNOW THE OPENING TO CHINA WAS
ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT INITIATIVES OF THE RECENT PERIOD.
WE HAVE ALWAYS ATTACHED THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE
NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA AND TO THE VARIOUS STATEMENTS WE HAVE JOINTLY MADE
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ABOUT OUR CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO HEGEMONY AND OUR COM-
MITMENT TO IMPROVING OUR RELATIONS AND TO NORMALIZE OUR
RELATIONS. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE
SECRETARY-DESIGNATE ABOUT THIS AND HE SUGGESTED THAT WE
MIGHT EXPLORE THESE SUBJECTS IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE

CHIEF OF THE LIAISON OFFICE, MY OLD FRIEND AMBASSADOR HUANG

CHEN, WHO INCIDENTALLY SPEAKS PERFECT ENGLISH BUT WON'T ADMIT IT. THIS IS WHY WE ARE MEETING HERE.

QUESTION: I WONDER IF WE COULD ASK MR. VANCE A QUESTION ABOUT HOW HE ENVISAGES THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

MR. VANCE: INSOFAR AS OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH CHINA ARE CONCERNED, THEY CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. I THINK THAT'S ALL I REALLY SHOULD SAY AT THIS MOMENT.

QUESTION: THE PRESIDENT-ELECT SAID THAT HE WOULD SEND YOU ON VARIOUS MISSIONS, MR. VANCE. DO YOU ANTICIPATE GOING TO PEKING?

MR. VANCE: AT SOME TIME I WOULD SAY I PROBABLY WILL BE GOING TO PEKING. I HAVE NO DEFINITE DATES FOR ANYTHING LIKE THAT NOW.

QUESTION: COULD WE ASK THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR A QUESTION, PLEASE, ABOUT WHAT INITIATIVE THE CHINESE MAY TAKE TO BRING ABOUT THE NORMALIZATION OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS?

AMBASSADOR HUANG CHEN: AS FAR AS OUR POLICY AND POSITION IS CONCERNED, OUR LEADERS HAVE SEVERAL TIMES TALKED WITH YOUR LEADERS DURING THEIR CONVERSATIONS, SEVERAL TIMES. OUR POSITION AND POLICY IS CONSTANT. MY OLD FRIEND,
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DR. KISSINGER, HE IS VERY CLEAR ABOUT OUR POLICY AND POSITION. I BELIEVE MR. VANCE IS ALSO CLEAR ABOUT OUR POLICY AND POSITION.

QUESTION: I WONDER IF WE COULD ASK ANOTHER QUESTION OF THE AMBASSADOR. WE KEEP ON HEARING VARIOUS STORIES ABOUT MILITARY COUP D'ETAT, COUPS D'ETAT, AND ALL KINDS OF CHANGES IN CHINA. WHAT EXACTLY IS HAPPENING?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: MR. AMBASSADOR, HE ASKS ME WORSE QUESTIONS.
END TEXT.

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